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SUBJECT:57TH ECOSOC; ITEM 13: PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER
NATURAL RESOURCES: DRAFT EGYPTIAN RESOLUTION

REFERENCE: GENEVA 4551

1. WE VERY MUCH REGRET THAT EGYPTIANS HAVE CHOSEN TO
FURTHER INVOLVE UN IN THIS WAY WITH HIGHLY CONTENTIOUS
RESOLUTION ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. OPERATIVE PARAS OF
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DRAFT GO BEYOND OBLIGATIONS SET FORTH IN FOURTH GENEVA

CONVENTION, WHICH SETS FORTH INTERNATIONAL LAW REGARDING OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. FURTHERMORE, RESOLUTION PREJUDGES ISSUE BY CALLING ON SECRETARY GENERAL TO SUPPORT EGYPTIAN CLAIMS OF "ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES" WITH FACTUAL DATA. RESOLUTION IN OUR VIEW WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO KIND OF ATMOSPHERE THAT IS DESIRABLE AS EFFORTS FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT GO FORWARD.

2. FOR THESE REASONS, WE WOULD HAVE TO OPPOSE RESOLUTION AS WE DID GA RESOLUTION 3175 ON WHICH IT IS BASED. WE WOULD VERY MUCH REGRET TAKING THIS ACTION; PARTICULARLY, AT THIS TIME OF NEW AND CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT IN US-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS, AND WOULD HOPE NOT TO BE PUT IN THIS POSITION.

3. WE WOULD HOPE EGYPTIANS WOULD LET QUESTION STAND HAVING ACHIEVED ADOPTION OF GA RES 3175 AND NOT PURSUE CURRENT DRAFT PROPOSAL. WHILE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION MAY BE UNWILLING TO MODIFY ITS POSITION, USDEL SHOULD MAKE TACTFUL EFFORT TO HEAD OFF SUBMISSION OF THE DRAFT, DRAWING ON PARAS 1 AND 2 ABOVE.

4. IF TEXT CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE, USDEL SHOULD EXPRESS VIEWS PARA 1 IN LOWKEY MANNER DURING DISCUSSION BUT SHOULD AVOID IMPRESSION OF MAKING FORMAL STATEMENT IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE (US MADE NO STATEMENT DURING ADOPTION OF GA RES 3175). DELEGATION SHOULD VOTE AGAINST RESOLUTION.

5. USDEL SHOULD INFORM ISRAELI DELEGATION OF OUR INTENT TO MAKE EFFORT TO HEAD OFF RESOLUTION AND TO VOTE AGAINST RESOLUTION SHOULD OUR EFFORT NOT SUCCEED.

6. FOR CAIRO. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY INFORM GOE OF DILEMMA EGYPTIAN DRAFT POSES FOR US AND OF OUR HOPE RESOLUTION WILL NOT BE PUT FORWARD, DRAWING AS APPROPRIATE ON PARAS 1 AND 2 ABOVE. INGERSOLL

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